

CSC 471 Class Information and Syllabus

COURSE NUMBER: CSC 471
COURSE TITLE: Principles of Database Systems
CREDITS: 3:3
PREREQUISITES: Grade of at least C (2.0) in CSC 330

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CLASS WEB SITE: Please refer to blackboard.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Contemporary database systems. Emphasis on query processing, design, and implementation of applications in relational (SQL) databases. Introduction to other database models such as XML, object-oriented, and deductive.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to

1. identify and apply the essential concepts, principles, and techniques for the design, analysis, and use of computerized database systems;
2. develop a real world relational (SQL) database application step by step;
3. define, describe and apply specifically the following topics:
 - a. Entity-Relationship model
 - b. relational data model and relational algebra
 - c. SQL query language
 - d. relational database design including functional dependencies and normalization
 - e. application design and development
 - f. XML
4. demonstrate some "hands-on" experience and marketable skills that today's high tech IT industry demands.

TEACHING METHODS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR ACHIEVING LEARNING OUTCOMES: Class will meet twice a week for 75 minutes. Class time will include brief overviews of the material, but students are expected to have completed the textbook readings before class so that the majority of class time can be used for discussing the material, answering questions and clarifying topics from the book, and working through examples. If students do not keep up with readings, the instructor may give in-class quizzes or small reading-summary assignments as extra motivation.

Assignments / Projects: Assignments (projects) will be both written and programming. The instructor will not make any adjustments to a student's code when grading, so if any submitted program does not compile the student will get a zero on the "correctness" portion of the grade (or 50 points off the overall grade), with no exceptions --- more information on grading criteria will be distributed and discussed before the first assignment. Program source code will be turned in electronically, and students are expected to turn in a printout in class or to the instructor.

Excused Absences for Religious Observances: The university allows for a limited number of excused absences for religious observances --- students who plan to take such an absence should notify the instructor at least two weeks in advance so that accommodations can be made (also see the late work policy at the later part of this syllabus).

Late Policy and Makeup Exams: Assignments (projects) are due at the beginning of class on the due date, and may be turned in up to 7 calendar days late with a 25% late penalty. No assignment will be accepted more than 7 calendar days after the original due date! If the instructor adds assignments to ensure that students keep up with reading assignments, these will not be accepted late for any reason. Students with planned absences, whether for university events, religious observance, or other reason, are expected to make arrangements with the instructor to turn in assignments or take exams before the scheduled date of the assignment or test.

Exam/test dates are on the schedule on the following page — if there are any changes, they will be announced at least two weeks in advance if possible. A missed exam may be made up only if it was missed due to an extreme emergency and arrangements are made before the exam date. Exams may not be taken early or late due to personal travel plans.

EVALUATION AND GRADING: Each student activity will contribute to the final grade in the class according to the following percentages.

Exam I	30%
Exam II	30%
Project	40%

REQUIRED TEXTS/READING/REFERENCES:

A. Silberschatz, H. F. Korth, and S. Sudarshan, Database System Concepts, Sixth Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2010. ISBN: 0-07-352332-1.

TOPICAL OUTLINE/CALENDAR:

Week / Date	Topic	Reading	Remarks / Due / Exam
1 8/23, Mon	Introduction	Ch. 1	
2 8/30	ER modeling	Sec. 7.1-7.5, 7.7	
3 9/6	Extended E-R	Sec. 7.8-7.9	9/6, Mon: Labor Day
4 9/13	Relational model, ER to Rel.	Sec. 2.1, 4.3-4.5, 7.6	Project Part 1 (ER) Due
5 9/20	Relational Algebra	Sec. 2.2-2.6, 6.1-6.3	
6 9/27	SQL	Sec. 3.1-3.8	Project Part 2 (Rel) Due
7 10/4	Exam I Advanced SQL	Sec. 3.9, 4.2, 4.6, 5.1	10/8 Fri: Instruction ends for Fall Break 6pm Note: Exam I
8 10/11	Advanced SQL		10/13, Wed: Classes resume after Fall Break 8am
9 10/18	Good DB design and functional dependency	Sec. 8.1-8.3	Project Part 3 (SQL) Due
10 10/25	Functional dependency theory	Sec. 8.4	
11 11/1	Decomposition and DB design process	Sec. 8.5-8.6, 8.8	Project Part 4 (Load) Due
12 11/8	Application design and development	Sec. 9.1-9.6	
13 11/15	Triggers and security	Sec. 5.3, 9.7	
14 11/22			11/23, Tue: Instruction ends for Thanksgiving holiday 10pm
15 11/29	XML	Ch. 23.1-23.4	11/29, Mon: Classes resume 8am Project Part 5 (Web) Due
16, 17 Exam	Exam II		12/8-11, 13-14: Final Exams Note: Exam II

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY: Students are required to sign the Academic Integrity Pledge on any work they do. The pledge is the statement "I have abided by the UNCG Academic Integrity Policy on this assignment." For information on the UNCG Academic Integrity Policy, see <http://academicintegrity.uncg.edu/>.

Assignments (projects) in this class are for individual work, unless explicitly stated otherwise. General concepts and material covered in the class may be discussed with other students or in study groups, but specific assignments should not be discussed and any submitted work should be done entirely your own. The

instructor uses a program comparison system that compares submissions and highlights programs that are too similar in order to detect cheating.

It is expected that the class textbook will be used as a reference, but if any other reference materials (including web sites) are used in preparing homework solutions they should be clearly cited. Any incidents of academic dishonesty will be handled strictly, resulting in either a zero on the assignment or an F in the class, depending on the severity of the incident, and incidents will be reported to the appropriate UNCG office.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance will not be taken in class, and is voluntary; however, all students are responsible for everything done or said in class (this can include changes in assignments, due dates, etc.). It is the student's responsibility to obtain notes from another student if they miss class — the instructor will not provide notes.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Laptop/Cellphone Policy: Laptops can be both a benefit and a distraction in a classroom. While many students benefit from taking notes using a laptop, or having access to outside class-related resources during class, other students cannot resist the temptation of checking e-mail, chatting, or even playing games during class time. This class has a strict “no non-class related use” rule for laptops — if you are found violating this policy, then your in-class laptop privileges will be taken away. Cellphones are a distraction for everyone, and should be turned off during class. If there is a special situation where you need to have your phone on for a particular day, please let the instructor know the situation before class.

ADA STATEMENT: UNCG seeks to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students requesting accommodations based on a disability must be registered with the Office of Disability Services located in 215 Elliott University Center: (336) 334-5440.

UNIVERSITY CLOSINGS: If university facilities are closed due to flu outbreak or other emergencies, it does not mean that classes are cancelled. In such an event, please check the class web page and Blackboard site for information about if and how the class will proceed.